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OPTICAL ARTICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the apfollows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE on page 14, paragraph one (1), on page 15, paragraph two (2), and on page 27, paragraph two (2) with the following new paragraphs:

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In general, resins change in refractive index before and after curing. Hence, in order to attain the desired refractive index after curing, the composition of the resin must be determined taking account of the changes in refractive index before and after curing. Accordingly, in respect of the above resin composition, changes in refractive index before and after curing have been studied in detail. As the result, it has been ascertained that the refractive index after curing comes to 1.55 or more when the refractive index before curing is 1.52 or more. Thus, the photosensitive resin composition in the present invention may preferably have a refractive index before curing of 1.52 or more.

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